

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 18, 2008

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brod-headsville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Leigh Kane (Vice-Chairman), Dave Fleetwood (Supervisor), Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr., Dave Albright (Township Manager) and Cathy Martinelli (Office Manager).

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Roger Kutzler.

Executive Session. Was held on 3/4/08 on a legal issue.

Unit Care Agreement. None.

Pohoqualine Fish Club. Christine Dettorie, from the MC Planning Commission was present to explain to the residents how the easement was acquired. The Pocono Heritage Land Trust holds the easement. A copy of the Chestnuthill Township minutes dated 9/5/06 confirms action at a public meeting. A brief discussion ensued.

Parks. Master Site Plan. Bernie Kozen, Executive Director was present and spoke of the Master Site Plan. This plan is a work in progress, and will take a long time to complete this park. Dave Fleetwood said that there is approximately a 14 million price-tag and WEPOSC will be looking for many ways to off set the costs vs all of it coming out of tax revenues. There will be many fund raising efforts. A brief discussion ensued. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Dave it was voted to approve this master site plan and to approve and sign. It will be resolution # 2008-07. (3-0) Note: Easter Egg Hunt will be 1:00 p.m. on 3/22/08 at the West End Fire Co. Star gazing will be held 4/12/08 at 8:30 p.m.

Public Comment.

Resident Robin Wassum. Was present and asked the Board to consider setting up a committee for a police study.

Minutes. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Dave it was voted to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2008 meeting, as distributed. (3-0)

Correspondence.

Auditor resignation. A letter was received from Michael A Adams II that he is resigning his position as auditor effective March 9, 2008.

Monroe County Planning Commission. Is holding a workshop on Thursday, March 27th on the official map.

Brodhead Watershed. They are sponsoring Trout Trails & Tails, an educational outreach program aimed to increase community awareness about the interrelationships among land use, stream flows and healthy trout populations.

Atty. McDonald. Asked the status of the quote for Woods Road for M/M Statts.

Commonwealth of PA. Dave A said we have received a 902 recycling grant from DEP in the amount of \$205,149.13 in part as reimbursement of the bale storage building at the Transfer Station.

Municipal Waste and Recycling Ordinance addition. Dave A. has proposed an additional paragraph to the above referenced ordinance to require all residents to provide proof of disposal of the waste. The proposed paragraph would be inserted in Section 6 (Required Collection and Regulation Thereof) between the fifth and sixth paragraphs as follows:

“Whenever requested by Chestnuthill Township, the owner of any real estate within the Township shall present proof adequate in the judgment of the Township’s designee that the owner of said real estate has provided for the required collection of municipal waste in accordance with this section. The owner of the premises shall have 72 hours to provide proof to Chestnuthill Township’s designee that he/she has either a current contract with a Chestnuthill Township registered collector and/or waste disposal receipts to provide sufficient evidence to satisfy the terms and conditions of this ordinance.”

A brief discussion ensued and on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Dave it was voted to hold a hearing to amend Ordinance 2003-4 to include the above paragraph. The hearing will be held on April 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business.

Gould Option Contract. This has been tabled previously until April 1st.

Award bids for bi-metal cans and scrap metal:

Scrap Metal: Jeff Merwine \$200.00 removed by 4/2009.

Bi-Metal Cans. Based on 30 bales @approximately 760 lbs per bale.

Cougle's Recycling. \$193.00/ton (minus \$240 haul cost) = \$1,960.20

Waste Management \$0.075/pound = \$1,710.00

On motion made by Dave, seconded by Leigh it was voted to award the scrap metal bid to Jeff Merwine, contingent to Dave A marking the trees to be removed to get access to the project. (3-0) On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Dave it was voted to award the bi-metal cans to Cogle's Recycling including any bales over the original 30. (3-0)

New Business.

Kinsley liquor license. Panko reporting was here to transcribe the hearing for the Kinsley liquor license transfer. The motion by the Board was unanimous approval to accept this liquor license transfer into the new proposed Kinsley Shop Rite store. (3-0)

Shiffer property appraisal. This would be to authorize an appraisal on the Shiffer property located on Merwinsburg Road. This is approximately 50 acres with a ½ mile of stream. This would be a fee simple acquisition. There is a historic structure on the property, the Merwinsburg Hotel. The appraisal would include two dollar amounts, one for the hotel and one for the land. This could be a catalyst to form a historic society. Dave A. had proposed to the Board that a document be in place that the appraisal be paid by the Township, if for any reason the acquisition of the property did not go through, the owners would reimbursement the Township the monies paid out. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this request, with the above condition being received from the Shiffer's prior to ordering an appraisal. Also a structural review of the hotel be completed. (3-0)

Bills. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Leigh it was voted to pay the general fund bills. (3-0)

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to adjourn into executive session on a legal matter at 8:25p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Martinelli
Recording Secretary